



THE
BEVERAGE ASSOCIATION OF TENNESSEE
(Formerly the Tennessee Soft Drink Association)

Cordially Invite

The 105th Tennessee General Assembly

To Attend a

“Winter Picnic”

Celebrating our name change and

Our

85th Year

As a Tennessee Trade Association

Monday, February 25th, 2008

Immediately following the End of Session

HERMITAGE HOTEL

Ballroom and Lobby

231 Sixth Avenue North

Nashville, Tennessee

A Picnic Supper will be served

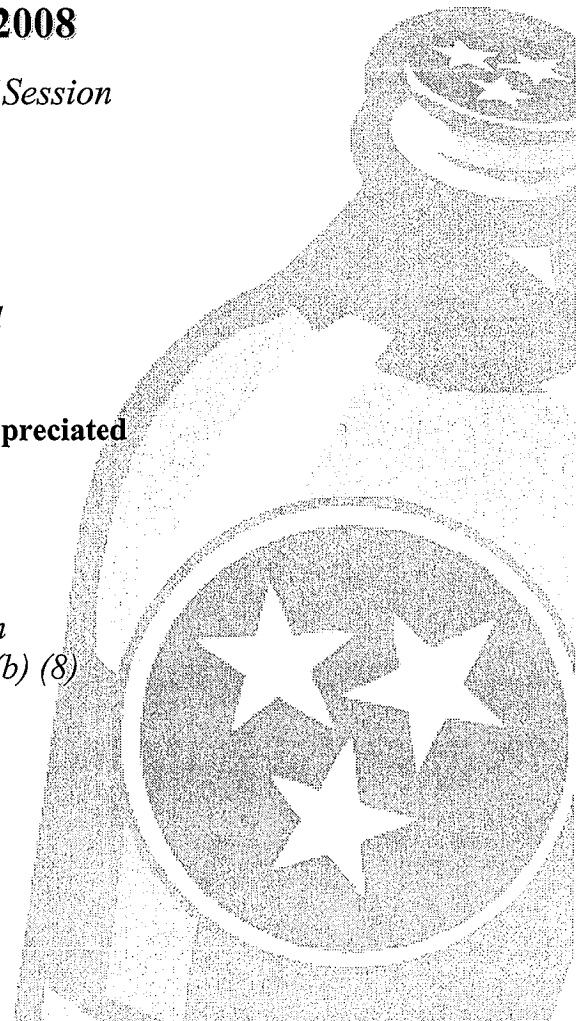
With a brief Program

The courtesy of an RSVP would be appreciated

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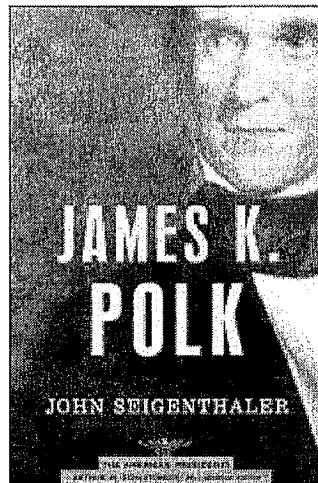
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*This Invitation is extended in
In accordance with TCA 3-6-305(b) (8)*





Personally Autographed Copies of John Seigenthaler's book
James K. Polk: 1845 - 1849: The American Presidents Series
*will be made available to All Attendees and Mr. Seigenthaler will make brief remarks during
Dinner to address an assessment of Polk's Four Year Term and its significance.*



From BOOKLIST

(Booklist is a 100-year-old journal, published by the American Library Association)

In historian Arthur M. Schlesinger Jr.'s periodic polls of his fellow experts, Polk is invariably deemed a near-great president. But most Americans know him only because they once memorized a list of the presidents. A Tennessean like Polk, John Seigenthaler (Ass't to U.S. Attorney General Robert Kennedy, Chairman Emeritus for *The Tennessean* and founding editorial director of *USA Today*) Seigenthaler concedes that Polk merits his high ranking because he achieved his four major objectives. Otherwise, he isn't particularly appealing. Sober, honest, hardworking, decent, he hitched his star to political supernova Andrew Jackson and enjoyed what undeviating loyalty to Jackson's Democrats brought him. In a big career setback, he resigned as Speaker of the House and then lost the Tennessee gubernatorial race. But he remained poised, and when supposed Democratic shoo-in Martin Van Buren joined Whig nominee Henry Clay in opposition to admitting Texas to the Union, he won the 1844 nomination and election. Then he (1) lowered the tariff, (2) created an independent federal treasury, (3) acquired Oregon from Britain, and (4) after waging the Mexican War, bought California from Mexico. In this new volume in the American Presidents series, Seigenthaler makes Polk as interesting as he'll probably ever be.

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